

Maryland Energy

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Governor O'Malley Introduces the Maryland Offshore Wind Act of 2013



Speaking to a crowd of supporters and local and state officials, Governor O'Malley introduced the Maryland Offshore Wind Act of 2013 on Tuesday, January 22 shortly after convening the 443rd General Assembly.

The bill will have its first hearing in the House of Delegates (HB 226) this upcoming [Tues., Feb. 5, in the House Economic Matters Committee](#). Identical in all substantive respects to the bill that overwhelmingly passed the House of Delegates last year, this measure will operate within Maryland's existing Renewable Portfolio Standard to create a framework that will support a major offshore wind project.

Stay tuned throughout the legislative session for updates on this critical piece of legislation for Maryland's, cleaner and greener energy future!

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of forging energy innovation. The agricultural waste-to-energy program will save Marylanders up to \$80 million in avoided energy costs, and improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

Through a power purchase agreement, the State will agree to purchase a minimum of 10 MW of electricity from Green Planet Power Solutions. The renewable energy company will transform animal waste (poultry litter) into electricity. The contract, awarded via the competitive Clean Bay Power process, promotes the use of renewable energy, reduces Maryland's contribution to agricultural runoff in the Chesapeake Bay (decreasing annual nitrogen runoff by 230,000 pounds), encourages job creation (including 200 construction jobs and 24 permanent jobs), and promotes Maryland's farm industry.

For this project, the Maryland Energy Administration collaborated with Maryland's Departments of General Services, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Environment, and the University System of Maryland.

Offshore Wind Research Grants Now Available

To further Maryland's role as an offshore wind energy development hub, MEA has announced a \$2 million Request for Application (RFA). The request seeks proposals from Maryland's public colleges and universities, and will award grants between \$250,000 and \$1,000,000 on a competitive basis.

Issued in collaboration with the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC), the RFA and subsequent grants will be paid for with funds committed by Exelon as a condition of its merger with Constellation Energy.

Applications are due April 15, 2013. For more information please visit [MHEC's grant webpage](#).

MEA's Year in Review 2012

Once again, MEA had a banner year with more smart investments yielding real results!

Did you know we now have **700 times** more solar on the grid than we did in 2006? Were you aware that MEA helped 1,400 Maryland families save a total of 1,450 MWh of electricity and almost 6 million cubic feet of natural gas in 2012 through energy efficiency upgrades, which amounted to \$4.5 million in savings over the life of the measures?

To learn more about MEA's unprecedented 2012 accomplishments, [download the Maryland Energy Administration 2012 Year in Review](#).

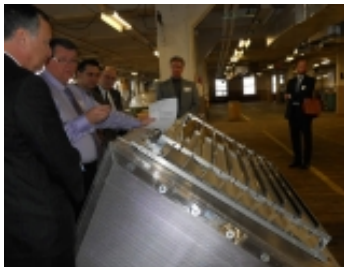
The mission of the [Maryland Energy Administration \(MEA\)](#) is to promote affordable, reliable, clean energy. MEA's programs and policies help lower energy bills, fuel the creation of green collar jobs, address environmental and climate impacts, and promote energy independence.

Locate Maryland's Smart Energy Investments Near You

In conjunction with Towson University, MEA's Smart Energy Investment Map has been updated. Now hosting more data than ever, it can help you answer questions such as, "Are there any residential solar installations in my neighborhood?" or, "Where can I charge my electric vehicle?"



Spend a moment on [MEA's interactive Smart Energy Investment Map](#), and tour MEA's renewable and energy efficiency investments in Maryland.



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